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FORM OF CO-OPERATIVES TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY BY REC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation had one of its main objectives toform co-operatives to supply electricity in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of such co-operatives along with the names of States where these co-operatives are functioning;

(c) whether there is any proposal to expand their activities; and

(d) if so, the plans of REC to form more rural electricity co-operatives in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : Formation and development of Rural Electricity (RE) Cooperatives is theresponsibility of the concerned State Governments in accordance with their policy in this regard. The Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) facilitated the process by providing loan assistance to RE Cooperatives and to the concerned State Governments.REC, hasprovided financial assistance to 41 RE Cooperatives in the country based on theproposals received from the concerned Societies/State Governments spread over 12 States namely, Andhra Pradesh (9), Bihar (1), Gujarat (1), J&K (1), Karnataka (1),Madhya Pradesh (17), Maharashtra (1), Orissa (1), Rajasthan (3), Tamil Nadu (3), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (2). Presently, 20 RE Cooperative Societies are inoperation in the States of Andhra Pradesh (9), Karnataka (1), Madhya Pradesh (7), Maharashtra (1) and West Bengal (2).